

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JULY 20, 2016**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

In the absence of Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Sander called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Absent

Sander announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. June 22, 2016 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Becky Hickman attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on July 18, 2016. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-6 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER,
INDIANA, AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
Empire Enterprises LLC Vine Street Lofts LLC**

This resolution designates an economic revitalization area for the Vine Street Lofts tax abatement.

Miller Valentine Group Senior Developer Pete Schwiegeraht presented and explained the conceptual drawings that convert the former Jasper Wood Products factory into a 62-unit senior housing project. The development will be known as the Vine Street Lofts. The Monster Recycling business is currently located in this building.

When the Miller Valentine Group was applying for rental housing tax credits, the City agreed to provide a local incentive of \$410,000 which could include property tax abatement. On July 18, 2016, the Economic Development Commission recommended to the council to award the Vine Street Lofts project a ten-year property tax abatement package. Declaring this area as an area in need of economic revitalization is part of the tax abatement process.

Schwiegeraht gave an update on the Jasper Lofts project where they are converting the former JOFCO factory building into workforce housing. He said grand opening may be about this time next year.

Council member David Hurst asked about using local contractors for these projects. Schwiegeraht said lots of local people from the tri-state area are and will be involved with these projects.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick then explained the content of the resolution. After that a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2016-6. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 17th day of August 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer